

A techniques were performed in a different order and/or if components in the disclosed systems were combined in a different manner and/or replaced or supplemented by other components.

Accordingly, other implementations are within the scope of the following claims. --

In the claims:

Amend claims 1-13 as follows:

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B10<sup>5</sup> -- 1. A computer-implemented method for sharing a user's personal information with a host computer in a networked computing environment, the method comprising:  
gathering personal information from a user of a computer network;  
storing the user's personal information at a first network server;  
receiving, at the first network server, a request for the user's personal information from another network server; and  
10 sending the requested information to the other network server.

A<sup>2</sup> 2. The method of claim 1, wherein gathering comprises requesting information directly from the user.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein gathering comprises monitoring user activity.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein gathering comprises soliciting information from others.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the other network server corresponds to a business entity with whom the user is engaged in a transaction.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein personal information includes one or more of the user's name, address, credit card information, telephone number, facsimile number, e-mail address, employer name, employer address, work telephone number, buying history, travel preferences, food preferences, medical information, and personal interests.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein storing comprises saving the personal information in a database.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the other network server is controlled by an e-commerce merchant.

A<sup>2</sup> 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the other network server corresponds to a web site.

10. The method of claim 1, further comprising authenticating the user prior to sending the requested information to the other network server.

11. The method of claim 1, further comprising authenticating a party associated with the other network server prior to sending the requested information to the other network server.

12. The method of claim 10, wherein authenticating comprises verifying a username and password.

13. The method of claim 10, wherein authenticating comprises checking a digital certificate. --

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Add claims 14-31.

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A<sup>3</sup> -- 14. The method of claim 11, wherein authenticating comprises verifying a username and password.

15. The method of claim 11, wherein authenticating comprises checking a digital certificate.

16. A device for sharing a user's personal information with a host computer in a networked computing environment, the device comprising:

an information collector that gathers personal information from a user of a computer network;

a storage device that stores the user's personal information at a first network server;

a receiver that receives, at the first network server, a request for the user's personal information from another network server; and

a responder that sends the requested information to the other network server.

X<sup>3</sup> 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the information collector requests information directly from the user.

18. The method of claim 16, wherein the information collector monitors user activity.

19. The method of claim 16, wherein the information collector solicits information from others.

20. The method of claim 16, wherein the other network server corresponds to a business entity with whom the user is engaged in a transaction.

21. The method of claim 16, wherein personal information includes one or more of the user's name, address, credit card information, telephone number, facsimile number, e-mail address, employer name, employer address, work telephone number, buying history, travel preferences, food preferences, medical information, and personal interests.

22. The method of claim 16, wherein the storage device saves the personal information in a database.

23. The method of claim 16, wherein the other network server is controlled by an e-commerce merchant.

24. The method of claim 16, wherein the other network server corresponds to a web site.

25. The method of claim 16, further comprising an authenticator that authenticates the user prior to the responder sending the requested information to the other network server.

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26. The method of claim 16, further comprising an authenticator that authenticates a party associated with the other network server prior to the responder sending the requested information to the other network server.

27. The method of claim 25, wherein the authenticator verifies a username and password.

28. The method of claim 25, wherein the authenticator checks a digital certificate.

29. The method of claim 26, wherein the authenticator verifies a username and password.

30. The method of claim 26, wherein the authenticator checks a digital certificate. --